

BI-DIRECTIONAL CATHETER ASSEMBLY AND METHOD THEREFOR

Abstract of the Disclosure

5 A catheter assembly includes a catheter body and housing attached to the catheter body proximal end, where an actuator lumen extends through the catheter body. A flexible element extends from an actuator member within the housing through the actuator lumen to a deflectable distal end. A first tubular support is provided that is coupled to the flexible element. A second tubular support is coupled with the first tubular support and slidably coupled to the flexible element.

10 In one option, the first tubular support and second tubular support constrain lateral movement of the flexible element when the catheter assembly is operated.